

Private Flying

# FROM the CLUBS and SCHOOLS

**YORKSHIRE**

ALTHOUGH there was not much doing up Yorkshire way and the gales of the equinox reduced flying, the month of March produced 105 flying hours. A social held on March 26 went off with great success.

**BEDFORD**

A considerable increase in the flying hours has been made possible by the fine weather. New members include Messrs. Guy Lee and F. R. Barker.

**REDHILL**

For the week ended April 1 a total of 60 hr. 20 min. flying was logged. Mr. I. McRobert took his "A" licence tests, and Mr. Milburn made a night flight for his "B" licence. Several new members joined.

**BORDER**

The Border Flying Club is arranging a competition for clubs in Scotland and the North of England. Full details will be published later. The Fox Moth, recently acquired for charter work and joy-riding, will be ready after C. of A. shortly. Although the weather has not been quite so favourable as elsewhere during March, a total of 129 hr. 30 min. flying was logged for the month.

**BOURNEMOUTH**

Cross-countries were made to Southampton, Hayling Island, Shanklin and Salisbury, and a visit was paid in force to High Post Aerodrome Hotel for breakfast on Sunday last. The flying for the week ended April 3 made 24 hr. 30 min., although seriously inconvenienced by high winds. Mr. R. P. Bush made a first solo and several new members are embarking on a new training scheme.

**HANWORTH**

The club dance, which was held on Friday, April 1, was attended by approximately 120 members and their guests. The second Hanworth Dawn Patrol will be held on Sunday, April 24, and a luncheon visit will be paid to Redhill on April 17. First solo flights were successfully carried out by Messrs. Ellison and H. Behn, and new members included Messrs. Achei and Candry. A total of 67 hr. 40 min. was logged.

**HAMPSHIRE**

One and a half hours night flying was included in the total flying for March of 208 hours. During the month Mr. Clive Bayley qualified for his "A" licence and Mr. J. G. Willis made his first solo flight. Mr. G. H. Jackson has commenced his "B" licence tests. He made his first solo on December 18 last and had completed 100 hours solo by March 16. Three new members joined the club.

**LONDON**

While the flying times for the week ended April 2 totalled 91 hr. 35 min., the total time spent in the air during March was 393 hr. 35 min., showing an increase of 90 hr. 15 min. over that for the same month in 1937. Mr. A. R. Pilgrim completed the tests for his "A" licence, and Mr. B. Wardle made a night flight for his "B." Two new members were admitted.

**PORTSMOUTH**

During the week ended March 31 the Portsmouth Aero Club put in 23 hr. 50 min. flying, while the total for the month was 125 hr. 45 min. Ten new members joined. The week's work included night-flying instruction and two night flights were made to Southampton and Croydon. Mr. P. R. Hornidge completed his "B" tests, and Messrs. G. H. Woodhouse and R. T. Boyd finished their instructor's courses. First solos were made by Sir Norman Pringle, Bt., and Mr. Didar Singh. Lt. Cdr. W. L. M. Brown, R.N., completed his "A" tests.

### Ramsgate Again

ONCE again a holiday flying camp is being organised by the Straight Corporation at Ramsgate Aerodrome. The scheme involves camp life on a comparatively luxurious but inexpensive scale, and the cheapest "A" licence course is that with the Hillson J.A.P., for which £12 10s. is estimated for a pupil of average aptitude. Other machines, including a Miles Magister, will also be available.

The Ramsgate Flying Centre, as it is called, will open on June 4 and will be in operation until September 17. It will also be available to visitors for a week at Easter.

### Dunstable Exodus

FOUR cross-country sailplane flights, the first this year, were made from Dunstable last week-end. The conditions were good, with a north-west wind at 20 m.p.h., and lift was so strong near Hatfield that pilots had difficulty in getting down.

Dudley Hiscok, in his Kirby Kite, went away immediately after the launch, making for the road junction beside Hat-

**MARSHALL'S**

Prospective visitors will be glad to hear that the new Airport Hotel is now open. Flying was well up to average for last week, totalling 50 hours, and several visitors dropped in. Mr. G. L. Panes made a satisfactory night flight and completed cross-country tests for his "B" licence.

**C.A.S.C.**

The return of the very high winds last week-end meant that the Corps' flying times at Cambridge were reduced to a total of four hours and caused the cancellation of the proposed cross-country flight to Maylands aerodrome. Mr. Peters made his qualifying test flight for probationary membership.

**NORFOLK AND NORWICH**

Although very rough winds rather handicapped flying, cross-countries were made to Sywell, Reading and Shoreham and 23 hours were logged for the week. A demonstration of the Wicko monoplane was made and, in spite of the high winds, members had an opportunity of flying it themselves. A large party from Carrow Works were shown around the clubhouse and hangars by Councillor A. E. Nicholls, and a wrestling display was held on Wednesday evening.

**PENANG**

Preparations for the annual air rally rather tended to lower the flying hours for February at the Penang Flying Club, but a total of 105 hr. 10 min. was recorded. A visit was made by two Vickers Vildebeests of No. 36 (T.B.) Squadron, bringing with them representatives of the R.A.F. Singapore and the Fleet Air Arm to make final arrangements for the air rally. Tests for the Straits Settlements "A" licence were completed by Messrs. T. D. Shephard and D. MacLachlan.

**CINQUE PORTS**

Members have kept up a steady average of flying hours. Mr. Sharples went solo on Monday and completed his "A" licence tests on Thursday, after only a fortnight's tuition. Meanwhile Mr. Robertson has completed his "B" licence tests. Messrs. Du Port, Thyne and Miss Y. Staples Smith made a successful raid on Brooklands for their Dawn Patrol after battling with considerable headwinds. Mr. C. W. A. Scott visited the Cinque Ports Flying Club on his way to Antwerp on March 26, and again on his return on March 29.

**BROOKLANDS**

Forty machines from Broxbourne, Redhill, Reading, Croydon, Leicester, and Nottingham participated in the Dawn Patrol last Sunday. The defence of thirteen machines accounted for all but six of the "raiders." During the afternoon the Cub was demonstrated by Mr. P. B. Elwell. A luncheon visit was made to Reading by four of the club's aircraft, and next Sunday a similar visit is planned to Hanworth. A marriage has been arranged between Mr. Roland Morris, an instructor at Brooklands, and Miss Hilary Hallom, a club member. Royal Air Force support has been granted for the annual At Home to be held on June 18.

**JOHANNESBURG**

Flying times for February, 1938, amounted to 680 hours, which constituted a new club record and included cross-country flights to Durban, Moltene, Bloemfontein, Lydenburg and Potchefstroom. Nine aircraft visited Barberton and gave a display of aerobatics, witnessed by an immense throng of people. A fancy-dress dance was held at Baragwanath on February 5 and was attended by nearly 170 members and guests. Extension of the aerodrome has been sanctioned and a new hangar is already in course of construction. Miss Betty Trew and Mr. Becker were enrolled as new pupils, while Messrs. Fagan and Davison obtained their "A" licences. Solo flights were performed by Messrs. Ford, Rautenbach, Fagan, Townsend and Currie during the month. A Fox Moth has replaced a Gipsy Moth in the club fleet.

field Aerodrome, where there is, apparently, always a thermal. Aeroplane pilots have noticed the permanent bump just about this spot. He landed at Hornchurch aerodrome, 39 miles away, having arrived there with 3,000ft. in hand.

Philip Wills, giving his new Minimoa its first test flight in this country, landed near his own house at Hemel Hempstead. John Dent flew the grey Kite 81 miles to a village near Ashford in Kent. The last to depart was J. S. Sproule, in a Grunau Baby, who did not want to fly over London without maps or compass and landed on Hendon aerodrome where he had arrived with 4,000ft. in hand, the distance being 22 miles.

### The Marendaz Monoplane

In addition to the machines included in the review of light aircraft in the issue of March 24 is the Marendaz monoplane, details of which were not received in time. Such information as is at present available about this new type was previously given in the first of our two British Aircraft Industry Numbers, while the new flap gear developed by the manufacturers, International Aircraft, Barton, Beds, was described in the issue of May 13 last year.